

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

INITIATED BY
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SUBMITTED BY
Planning and Development
Committee

DATE DRAFTED
June 15, 2012

**AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIA COUNTY AS THE LEAD
COUNTY FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
PROGRAM AND PARTICIPATION IN THE SOUTHERN HOUSING
CONSORTIUM**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the State has reorganized the allocation of Community Development Block Grant
- 2 program housing funds from a competitive based method to a regional housing consortium method,
- 3 and,
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, Rock County has an identified need in the ten county Southern Housing Consortium to
- 6 provide decent housing; and,
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- 8 **WHEREAS**, Rock County contemplates submitting jointly, with Columbia County and the Southern
- 9 Housing Consortium, an application for funds under the Community Development Block Grant –
- 10 (CDBG) housing program of the Wisconsin Division of Housing (DOH) for the purpose of meeting
- 11 those needs; and,
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- 13 **WHEREAS**, Rock County and Columbia County desire to and are required to, enter into a written
- 14 cooperative agreement with each other to participate in such CDBG program; and,
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- 16 **WHEREAS**, Rock County and the Southern Consortium understand that Columbia County will act as
- 17 the applicant and will have the ultimate responsibility to assume all obligations under the terms of the
- 18 grant including assuring compliance with all applicable laws and program regulations and performance
- 19 of all work in accordance with the grant contract; and,
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- 21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
- 22 assembled this 12 day of July, 2012, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 66.0301, agree to
- 23 cooperate with Columbia County and the Southern Consortium in the submission of an application for
- 24 such funds, and agree to cooperate in the implementation of the submitted CDBG program, as
- 25 approved by the Department of Administration.
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- 27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that it is understood that nothing contained in this agreement shall
- 28 deprive any municipality of any power or zoning, development control or other lawful authority, which
- 29 it presently possesses.
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- 31 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a representative from Rock County shall be appointed to
- 32 serve on the regional housing consortia board in order to assist in allocating CDBG housing funds.
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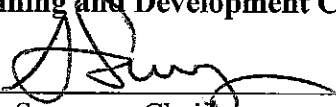
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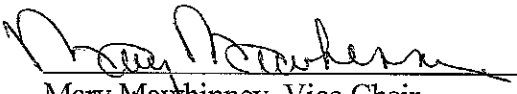
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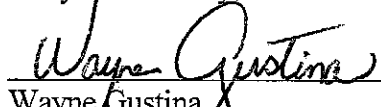
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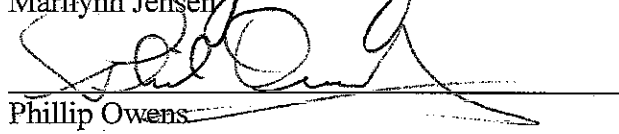
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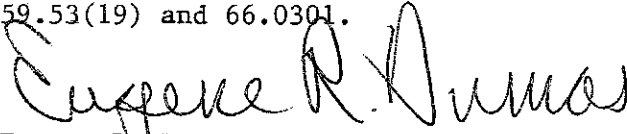
This resolution authorizes the County to join the Southern Consortium for purposes of CDBG housing activities. Columbia County would be the housing agent for Rock County applicants. New CDBG program funding would no longer be administered by Rock County staff.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

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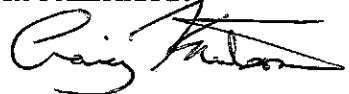
The County Board is authorized to take this action by Wisconsin Statutes 59.01, 59.51, 59.53(19) and 66.0301.



Eugene R. Dumas
Deputy Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIA COUNTY AS THE LEAD COUNTY FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM AND PARTICIPATION IN THE SOUTHERN HOUSING CONSORTIUM

Due to cuts in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) housing funds, the State is in the process of establishing seven regional housing consortia that will act as the lead agency for non-entitlement CDBG housing activities. At present, CDBG housing funds are allocated on a competitive basis throughout the state. (Note – CDBG entitlement communities such as the cities of Janesville, Beloit, etc. would not be affected by the state's initiative.)

In order to be eligible for future housing program funds through the state's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, all counties are being required to participate in a regional housing entity.

Rock County has been placed in the southern region along with the following counties: Sauk, Columbia, Dodge, Washington, Ozaukee, Jefferson, Kenosha, Racine and Walworth.

The lead county for the southern region is Columbia County and this resolution would authorize an agreement between Rock and Columbia to serve as the housing agent for eligible Rock County applicants.

Additionally, an advisory committee consisting of representatives from the 10 counties in the southern region will make recommendations on awarding of CDBG housing funds and Rock County would appoint a representative.